


REMARKS

The Patent Office has required Applicants to elect one of two perceived species to which the claims must be restricted: Species I (claims 1-26) and Species II (claims 51-66).

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, **Species I and claims 1-26** readable thereon. Applicants respectfully traverse the species election requirement insofar as a search for publications relating to any of the species would reveal publications relating to any of the other species and, thus, would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the species election be withdrawn.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims readable on the non-elected species in one or more related applications if the species election requirement is maintained.

Respectfully submitted,



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